

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) In addition to the locations pending from previous Marketing Plans, 69 LPG distributorships have been included in the current Marketing Plan for Punjab. This includes 7 LPG distributorships in Amritsar District and 5 LPG distributorship in district Ferozepur.

**LPG Agencies Allotted to SCs/STs in Punjab**

2408. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new LPG agencies allotted to SCs/STs in Punjab, district-wise;

(b) the number of applications pending with Government during the last two years district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to clear these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As on 1.10.1999 there were 46 LPG distributorships in operation in Punjab belonging to Scheduled Castes and none for Scheduled Tribes.

(b) and (c) Two Dealer Selection Boards were constituted for Punjab for making selections for locations pending in the State. In respect of 68 LPG distributorships which have already been advertised interviews are to be conducted by the Dealer Selection Boards in Punjab.

**Check on Growing Demand of Petroleum Products**

†2409. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to check the constantly growing demand of petroleum products in the country;